



#### Birthdays

Clay Walls 2/06

Duane O'Donnell 2/09

Andy Smithson 2/11

William Sauls 2/12

Roy Fugate 2/14

Clay Estes 2/16

Vular Anderson 2/17

Terry Smith 2/17

Jack Black 2/18

Guy Matthews 2/18

Brian Burgess 2/22

Leon Isaac 2/23

Alveraz Constant 2/26

Nora Smith 2/26

Randy Jones 2/28

### City Holidays



Fire Administration
Offices will be CLOSED in
observance of

President's Day
Monday, February 18,
2013

#### FOUR EMPLOYEES RECEIVE COMMENDATION LETTERS



Four Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel received commendation letters from Chief Cumbey Gaines in January for their "life saving efforts."

In December, Captain Nora Smith, Driver Randy Shaw, and Firefighters Clay Malone and David Frost responded to a first responder call for an infant that was choking and having difficulty breathing. The crew performed back blows and chest thrusts, relieving the obstruction and returning breathing to the infant. Because of their efforts, the infant is alive and well.

"Although it is not uncommon for firefighters to save a life during a day's work, we believe that it does not need to go unnoticed," read the letter from Gaines. "Thank you for your hard work and dedication to this department, and for representing the department with professionalism and unmatched service excellence. I could not be more proud."

Pictured: (L to R): Deputy Chief Roger Toombs, Firefighter Clay Malone, Driver Randy Shaw, Captain/Shift Inspector Nora Smith, Firefighter David Frost, Chief Cumbey Gaines, Assistant Chief Kaye Jernigan, and Assistant Chief Allen Swader.

#### CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION CLASS

Twenty-five MFRD personnel, along with a few employees from Murfreesboro Police Department and Rutherford County Sheriff's Office, are now certified Child Safety Seat Technicians.

A Child Safety Seat inspection check point at Station 2 on Runnymeade Drive was the final requirement for the students' 32-hour class.

Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas was on site to assist. Peas completed the course in October. "All cars that came through the inspection had at least one mistake," said Peas. "The most common mistakes were the placement of the seats and the tightness of the seatbelts."

If you would like your child's safety seat inspected, please contact MFRD Administration Monday through Friday at 615-893-1422 or Headquarters on the weekend at 615-849-2661 for more information.



1st Row (L to R): Mike Meeks, Hunter Fite, Brandon Taylor (MPD), Jamie Bigelow, and Blake Insell.

2<sup>nd</sup> Row (L to R): Instructor Mike Brown (Soddy Daisy PD), Instructor Susan Cook (Safe Kids), Jonathan Brown (MPD), Tracy Summar, Shan Womack, Kyle Winnett, David Simms, Andrew Graves (MPD), Instructor Sarah Haverstick (Vanderbilt's Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital), Ted Pertiller, Instructor Raymond Shew (RCSO).

3<sup>rd</sup> Row (L to R): Mike Keith, Joe Pennington, Brad Lynn (RCSO), Adam Brown, Brian Burgess, David Sloan, Bobby Canterbury, and Instructor Jimmy Cassidy (RCSO).

Back Row (L to R...on the truck): Paul Diawara, Chris Ayers, Clay Estes, Kaye Jernigan, Raleigh Marlin, Nora Smith, Nicole Miller, Charles Powell, Mark Brewer, and Greg Burt.

Not pictured: Instructor Don Fanning (MPD)



#### **ARIYA ROSE THORPE**

**DAUGHTER OF BEN &** STEPHANIE

BORN: DECEMBER 24, 2012

AT 7 LBS / 6 OZ 193/4" LONG

#### **CHARLOTTE ANNE PARSONS**

**DAUGHTER OF JOSH &** HOLLY

**BORN: JANUARY 17, 2013** 

AT 6 LBS / 4 OZ 19" LONG

#### KALE ROBERT **TWOMEY**

SON OF MATTHEW & BETH

**BORN: JANUARY 21, 2013** 

AT 6 LBS / 15oz 19 1/2" LONG

#### MFRD Joins FACEBOOK

Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department now has our own Facebook page. The profile picture is our challenge coin and the cover is one of our engines. We are excited about this new page and look forward to sharing more information with employees and the public.



## find us on **Facebook**

MFRD will continue to share information on the City of Murfreesboro's Facebook page as well. However, photo albums will only appear on MFRD's page.

#### THREE RECEIVE NEW HELMETS



Three Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department personnel recently received a new traditional style helmet for their one year anniversary. John Fisher, Ashley Johnson, and Duane O'Donnell all received their new helmets in January.



Top Firefighter Ashley Johnson Assistant with Chief Jernigan.

Rottom left. Firefighter John Fisher with Shift Commander Dale Maynard.

Bottom right: Firefighter Duane O'Donnell and Shift Commander Darvl Alexander.

#### DEPARTMENT'S NEW POLARIS IS HERE

MFRD is pleased to announce the Polaris Ranger awarded to the department through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation was delivered in January.

A media presentation/press event at the local Firehouse Subs restaurant is TBA.



#### PEAS NAMED FEBRUARY FF OF THE MONTH

Assistant Fire Marshal Carl Peas was named Firefighter of the Month for February 2013 for his coordination of the Child Safety Seat Inspection Technician class and Inspection Check Point at Station 2. Peas worked hard to get the class lined up and sponsored and because of his help, 25 of our personnel are now certified Child Safety Seat Technicians. Peas has been with Murfreesboro Fire & Rescue Department since November 1988

#### RECENT CERTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY: TO VINSON

Four Firefighters recently received certifications from the Tennessee Commission on Fire Fighting, Ryan Battle is certified as Firefighter II, William Durkin as Aerial Apparatus Driver/Operator, Jamie Layhew as Journeyman Firefighter, and Titus Jackson as Fire Department Instructor I.









# Congratulations

Pictured (L to R): Firefighter Ryan Battle, Firefighter William Durkin, Firefighter Jamie Layhew, and Firefighter Titus Jackson.



**Anniversaries** 

27 YEARS Mark McCluskey

#### 11 YEARS

Chris Ayers Renard Brown **Brian Burgess** Alveraz Constant Clay Estes Melvin Holmes

> 10 YEARS Jeff Wright

#### 6 YEARS

Travis Bryant Daphanie Crenshaw



